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SUBJ: PRESIDENT' S ENERGY MESSAGE

REF: JAKARTA 4451

1. SUMMARY: KEY INDONESIAN PETROLEUM OFFICIALS HAVE NOT YET EXPRESSED REACTIONS TO PRESIDENT' S ENERGY MESSAGE PENDING OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY MESSAGE AND NEW OIL IMPORT PROGRAM IN DETAIL. SINCE MESSAGE NOW RELEASED, DIRECTOR OIL AND GAS WOULD LIKE TO REVISE QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED FOR ELECTRONIC DIALOGUE. ACTION REQUESTED: IF REVISED QUESTIONS SUBMITTED MAY 1, COULD USIA PREPARE VIDEO TAPE, SEND IT TO JAKARTA BY MAY 10 AND SCHEDULE DIALOGUE FOR MORNING (JAKARTA TIME) MAY 11, THE ONLY TIME WHEN PERTAMINA' S PRESIDENT DIRECTOR LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE DURING MONTH OF MAY. END SUMMARY.

2. ON MONDAY, APRIL 23, EMBOFF PROVIDED GOI DIRECTOR FOR OIL AND GAS (WIJARSO) WITH COPY OF PRESIDENT' S ENERGY MESSAGE TOGETHER WITH COPIES OF STATEMENTS ON NEW OIL IMPORT POLICY.
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IN LIGHT RELEASE OF MESSAGE, EMBOFF ASKED IF WIJARSO WISHED

TO REVISE QUESTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC DIALOGUE SENT REFTEL AND FOR HIS REACTION TO ENERGY MESSAGE. DURING CONVERSATION APRIL 27 WIJARSO SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO REVISE QUESTIONS BUT WOULD NOT BE ABLE PW BEFORE APRIL 30 DUE TO WORK LOAD. WHEN ASKED ABOUT REACTION TO ENERGY MESSAGE, WIJARSO SAID IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO DISCUSS UNTIL HE WAS ABLE TO STUDY MESSAGE AND NEW OIL IMPORT PROGRAM. IN LIGHTER VEIN, WIJARSO SPECULATED THAT IT MIGHT BE TIMELY FOR GOI TO OFFER U. S. G. SMALL- SCALE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO HELP U. S. MEET ENERGY CHALLENGE.

3. ON APRIL 28, EMBOFF DISCUSSED DETAILS OF POSSIBLE ELECTRONIC DIALOGUE WITH PERTAMINA' S PRESIDENT DIRECTOR IBNU SUTOWO. IBNU SUGGESTED DIALOGUE TAKE PLACE MORNING OF MAY 11 IF POSSIBLE. HE WILL LEAVE JAKARTA SOON AND NOT RETURN UNTIL EVENING MAY 10. HE WILL THEN DEPART ON MAY 13 FOR SEVERAL WEEKS INCLUDING VISIT TO U. S. IBNU SAID MAY 12 IS ALREADY FULLY BOOKED.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM WHETHER USIA CAN PREPARE J VIDEO TAPE, SEND TAPE TO JAKARTA BY MAY 10 AND SCHEDULE DIALOGUE FOR MORNING(JAKARTA TIME) MAY 11, ASSUMING REVISED QUESTIONS ARE SUBMITTED MAY 1. IF DIALOGUE CANNOT BE SCHEDULED FOR MORNING MAY 11, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE BEST TO DEFER UNTIL EARLY JUNE TO GUARANTEE APPROPRIATE HIGH- LEVEL PARTICIPATION. TOUSSAINT

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